

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended by rewriting claims 1, 10 and 14. Claims 1-23 remain in the application.

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Malki, et al. (US 2001/0046223). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malki as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Troxel, et al. (US 2002/0075807). Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Malki as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Leung (US 6,195,705).

The Applicants would like to thank Examiner Kevin Harper for speaking with Ms. Terri Hughes on September 18, 2003. As such, the Applicants have amended claims 1 and 14. The Applicants now believe these claims are in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter:

Claims 2-3, 6-10 and 15 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all other limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. At this time, the Applicants have not rewritten claims 2-3, 6-10 and 15 in independent form because the Applicants strongly believe that claims 1 and 14 are allowable over the cited art as presented. As such, all claims that depend from claims 1 and 14 contain the limitations of these allowable claims and merely recite additional limitations that should not preclude patentability.

Claims 11-13 and 16-23 are allowable over the prior art of record.

The Applicants believe that the subject application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. The Applicants earnestly solicit such action.

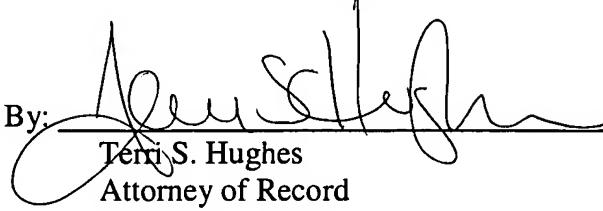
In the event that the Examiner deems the present application non-allowable, it is requested that the Examiner telephone the Applicant's attorney or agent at the number indicated below so that the prosecution of the present case may be advanced by the clarification of any continuing rejection.

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in proper form for allowance and an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

Please charge any fees associated herewith, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 502117.

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